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Main Entry: **su·per·fi·cial** ˈ

Pronunciation: "sü-p&r-'fi-sh&l

Function: *adjective*

Etymology: Middle English, from Late Latin *superficialis*,
from Latin *superficies*

1 a (1) : of or relating to a surface (2) : lying on, not
penetrating below, or affecting only the surface <*superficial*
wounds> **b** *British*, of a unit of measure : **SQUARE**
<*superficial* foot>

2 a : concerned only with the obvious or apparent :
SHALLOW **b** : lying on the surface : **EXTERNAL** **c** :
presenting only an appearance without substance or
significance

- **su·per·fi·cial·ly** ˈ / - 'fi-sh (&-) lE/ *adverb*

synonyms **SUPERFICIAL**, **SHALLOW**, **CURSORY** mean lacking
in depth or solidity. **SUPERFICIAL** implies a concern only
with surface aspects or obvious features <a *superficial*
analysis of the problem>. **SHALLOW** is more generally
derogatory in implying lack of depth in knowledge,
reasoning, emotions, or character <a light, *shallow*, and
frivolous review>. **CURSORY** suggests a lack of
thoroughness or a neglect of details <gave the letter only a
 cursory reading>.

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